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City of Falls Church Katrina Relief Task Force Continues Fundraising During National Preparedness Month

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church Hurricane Katrina Relief Task Force will continue its fundraising efforts during National Preparedness Month this September. The Task Force's latest projects include pre-sales of City of Falls Churchopoly and participation in the national "Making Change for Katrina" campaign.

City of Falls Churchopoly, a custom-made board game featuring City businesses and residents, is currently in production and will be available for pickup beginning in mid-November. Pre-sales of game boards will begin this September online at www.fallschurchva.gov; at back-to-school nights at Falls Church City Public Schools; and at the Fall Festival, Saturday, Sept. 16. Game board sales are estimated to raise \$10,000 for St. Bernard Parish Public Schools in Louisiana.

The Task Force is also "Making Change for Katrina"—a national spare change collection campaign to benefit the victims of Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf. From Sept. 11-22, collection boxes will be set up at City Hall (300 Park Ave.) and the Community Center (223 Little Falls St.) for City residents and staff to donate their spare change to Habitat for Humanity's rebuilding efforts. At the end of the two-week period, the change will be taken to Coinstar, which is serving as the primary collection partner for "Making Change for Katrina."

In September 2005, Falls Church City Council appointed the Hurricane Katrina Task Force to help recovery efforts in the gulf coast. Since its inception, the Task Force has raised more than \$150,000 in aid with support from City Council, City schools, citizens, and local businesses.

For more information about the Task Force, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or contact Adrienne Raines at 703-248-5230 (TTY 711). For more information about the national "Making Change for Katrina" campaign, visit <http://makingchangeforkatrina.org>.

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